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## West Nile virus case confirmed

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**MOSQUITOES** A Calgary-area man has the first human case of West Nile virus in the province this year, Alberta Health confirmed yesterday.

Though the man travelled to Saskatchewan it's believed he contracted the virus in Alberta.

West Nile is carried mostly by the Culex tarsalis mosquitoes. These mosquitoes are typically at their peak in July and August.

"The timing changes every year depending on weather," said Howard May, a spokesperson for Alberta Health and Wellness. May added the virus hasn't been around long enough to really establish a trend.

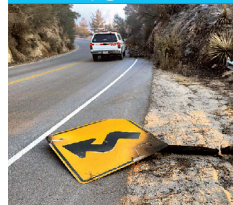
Last year one human case of the virus was reported in the province.

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# WorldSkills kicks off

900 competitors squaring off in 45 competitions for trade supremacy

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**Four years of planning, plus \$82 million in economic impact and attendance of 150,000, equals the largest independent event ever hosted at Stampede Park.**

When thousands of competitors, delegates and attendees descend upon

WorldSkills Calgary 2009, beginning with the opening ceremonies today, they will see millions of dollars put to use at Stampede Park, according to president and CEO Richard Walker. "There is 400 metric tonnes of state-of-the-art equipment for these competitors to use, while pouring their guts out to try to win a medal to bring home," Walker said.

**900** Competitors  
**1,000** Delegates  
**3,000** Volunteers

Spectators can watch all 45 skills competitions as they will all be happening at the same time across

800,000 square feet of park. In addition, there is another 250,000 square feet of park used for demonstrations and activities for spectators including performances and the Global Skills Village.

"This is the last time we will see the WorldSkills in North America in our time. This is Calgary and Alberta's only chance to see what is equivalent to the

Olympics for skills and trades," Walker said.

Reality television chef David Adjei said he is envious of the technology the students are given to use, including the cooking stoves he estimates are worth \$40,000 each.

"This is incredible for them and it really gives everyone a level playing field in terms of the technology used," he said.



Kristina Morin and Charlie, a Labradoodle, give high fives for the new incentive program proposed for city pet owners. Morin loves the program and hopes it continues to encourage responsible pet ownership across the city.

## Good city pet owners get the treat

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 for Metro Calgary

**PROGRAM** The City of Calgary will soon reward responsible pet owners.

The proposed program will give discount cards to people who license their pets. The city's bylaw boss, Bill Bruce, said they want to do something positive. "So often, we rely on the punitive side of compli-

**"I think it will probably encourage more people to get the licences and actually register their animal."**

Sasha Lacic

ance, and there's also positive ways," Bruce said.

The cards could give people discounts on anything from pet food and supplies, to home entertainment units.

The city is still looking

for a company to run the reward system. Once they do, the cards will be given out at the same time as the licences.

"We'll have something very unique and something very worthwhile to

offer our pet owners," said Bruce.

Calgarian Sasha Lacic owns a cat and a dog.

"I think it will probably encourage more people to get the licences and actually register their animal," said Lacic.

Bruce said about 8,000 dogs in the city and as many as 60,000 cats in Calgary are not licensed.

The city hopes to launch the program in October.

## Cops search for man in OxyContin robberies

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**CRIME** Police believe the same man is responsible for a string of pharmacy robberies and say the suspected serial robber demands OxyContin pills each time.

Acting Staff Sgt. Doug Crippen said police are concerned with the frequency of the eight robberies between Aug. 14 and Aug. 27 at pharmacies in the city's northeast and northwest.

"This is an anomaly, to have that many robberies over that short of time and that is what concerns us," Crippen said, adding the man just demands the pharmacist to hand over the pills.

"He has not used violence yet, but we want to apprehend him before it escalates."

Crippen doesn't know the total amount of the painkillers stolen, but said the amount is "significant" enough that police believe he intends to distribute the heroin-like drug on the street for profit.

Police are looking for information about the suspect they describe as Caucasian, early to mid-20s, with light brown hair and approximately six feet tall and 175 pounds.



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## Investigation after glass falls 18 stories

Alberta Occupational Health and Safety and the City of Calgary building inspections department are both investigating a building on 10th Avenue and 1st Street SE after a glass shard fell from 18 stories onto the ground. Officials have two years to determine if charges will be laid. **METRO CALGARY**

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## Local



## Canadian Open gets underway

The 2009 CN Canadian Women's Open golf tournament kicked off yesterday at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club with a pro-am and final qualifying. The first round of the tournament is on Thursday. World No. 1 and 2007 CN Canadian Women's Open champ Lorena Ochoa, left, is slated to play. "Spectators can expect to see tremendous golf showcasing some of the best golfers in the world," tournament director Sean Van Kesteren said of the event that runs until Sept. 6.

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## News in brief

**DONATIONS** Ten Thousand Villages is reminding Calgarians early this school year that thousands of children in under-developed nations need school supplies. Individuals or groups are invited to fill bags with requested supplies at Ten Thousand Villages at 220 Crowchild Tr. NW. The bags will then be forwarded to organizations for distribution.

**FUNDING** The Aboriginal Youth Animation Project was given a \$60,000 injection from the federal government, it was announced yesterday in Calgary.

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## Sledding to your dreams

Bobsleigh team inspires children's book about teamwork

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**Calgarian Hugh Baker and his bobsleigh team have their sights set on the 2010 Olympic games, but no matter what, they're making a mark on the sports world already.**

Baker and his team inspired a Paul and Talya Shore children's book called, *Bobsleigh Jellybeans*.

Baker and his team stayed with the Shore's during their selection races this year in Whistler, B.C., and teammate Chris Ripley actually illustrated the book.

The book follows the four friends — Adam Anderson, Bobby Staniforth,



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From left: Chris Ripley, Adam Anderson, Hugh Baker and Bob Staniforth — all Olympic hopefuls for the Canadian bobsleigh team — hold up a children's book illustrated by Ripley that's about teamwork.

Ripley and Baker — from when they were children sledding in the backyard to racing together at international competitions.

"It's just a really good

story about friendship, fun, teamwork and following your dreams," said Baker.

Baker's bobsleigh team currently race at the devel-

opment level and are hoping Canada will qualify to send three bobsleigh teams to the Olympics in Vancouver.

They will then have to qualify as the best development team in order to live their Olympic dreams.

Proceeds from the book will go to cover team expenses for this season.

Baker hopes the book will encourage young athletes to work towards their goals and dreams.

"You can do anything you want as long as you put your mind to it and you remember to just have fun"

Baker adds they don't always win in the book but "the important thing is that every time we had fun".

## 30-day sentence for pie thrower

**STELMACH** A Calgary woman who attempted to pie Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach during a Stampede breakfast has been sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Lily Phan was found guilty earlier this year of assaulting a sheriff and resisting arrest as he attempted to stop her from flinging pie filling at the premier on July 9, 2007.

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A Polish man charged with assaulting fellow passengers on an Air Canada flight to London, England, is going to be sent to his home country after a psychiatric assessment determined he has a mental illness. The scuffle prompted the pilots to divert the flight to St. John's, N.L. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Canada/World

## Iggy to pull plug on Tories?

**Michael Ignatieff says the Harper government is on "life support" — and he sounds like he may be ready to pull the plug.**

The Liberal leader kicked off a summer caucus retreat yesterday on a hawkish note, suggesting he's keener to force a fall election than some of his strategists.

"We've kept this government on life support for 10 months," Ignatieff said,

noting that Liberals supported last January's recession budget despite deep reservations. "But in June I made it clear that in a whole number of areas, the government's performance was letting Canada down and it hasn't got better over the summer."

Ignatieff backed away from the brink of an elec-



Michael Ignatieff

tion in June after Prime Minister Stephen Harper agreed to set up a bipartisan working group to study employment insurance reform.

But Ignatieff said the panel has turned into "a bit of a charade," with the Tories rejecting out of hand his proposal to set a national standard of 360 hours of work to qual-

ify for EI benefits.

The caucus retreat, which ends tomorrow, will be consumed primarily with the issue of whether the Liberals should finally vote to defeat the government during the fall sitting of Parliament, which resumes Sept. 14.

They'll have their first opportunity to present a motion of non-confidence during the first week of October. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Election complaints no surprise: Monitor

**FRAUD ALLEGATIONS** The sheer volume of accusations of ballot box stuffing, fraud and voter intimidation in the Afghan presidential election may be disappointing but it doesn't come as a surprise to the head of the UN-backed Electoral Complaints Commission.

Grant Kippen, a Canadian as well as the man who chaired the commission during the previous election in this politically-volatile country, said he expected a lot of complaints — again.

The commission has received more than 2,000 complaints from all of the candidates in the Aug. 20 vote. Investigations are focusing only on the more serious allegations brought forward. "The ones that we have given top priority — some 613 complaints — are the ones we're focusing on at the moment," Kippen said yesterday in a telephone interview with The Canadian Press.

"They have the potential to change election results."

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## Conservatives campaign against election

**STIMULUS** The federal Tories stepped up their anti-election campaign yesterday, warning that a fall vote could threaten the fragile economic recovery.

Transport Minister John Baird, trumpeting the mantra that an election would put stimulus spending on

hold, said it would be irresponsible to topple the government. He noted the economy grew slightly in June and said it's important to stay on course with stimulus plans.

Also yesterday, Tory campaign director Doug Finley sent out a fundraising pitch

warning the Liberals are expected to launch a huge ad campaign after Labour Day. "I have no doubt that the Liberals will go to the wall with this campaign," Finley wrote, seeking funds to help the party "fight back."

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### News in brief

**LOTTO** Ontario's lottery and gaming corporation was overhauled yesterday as the province's finance minister fired its CEO and replaced the entire board of directors. The auditor general was also brought in to review spending at the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp., which included one executive charging taxpayers almost \$500 for a nanny.

**HEALTH** An editorial in the Canadian Medical Association Journal is urging the government to fast-track the H1N1 vaccine for high-risk groups. To do that, it suggests offering the vaccine without an adjuvant, a boosting compound that may stretch supplies. Adding the adjuvant lengthens the process, but the editorial says time is crucial in protecting these high-risk groups.

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## California fire doubles in size

**WILDFIRE** A massive fire in the Los Angeles area nearly doubled in size overnight, threatening 12,000 homes yesterday in a 32-kilometre-long swath of flame and smoke and surging toward a

mountain top broadcasting complex and historic observatory.

At least 6,600 homes were under mandatory evacuation orders and more than 2,500 firefighters were battling the flames. On the blaze's northwestern front, two firefighters were killed Sunday when their truck drove off the side of a road.

The fire had burned 347 square kilometres of brush and trees by early yesterday and was just five per cent contained.

More than 20 helicopters and air tankers were preparing to dump water and retardant over the flames. Two Canadian Super Scoopers, giant craft that can pull thousands of litres of water from lakes and reservoirs, were expected to join the fight later in the day.

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**TAIWAN** The Dalai Lama exhorted Taiwan yesterday to safeguard democracy, interspersing prayers for the victims of Typhoon Morakot with a challenge to China. The call from the leader appeared to contradict assurances that his visit would avoid politics.

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## Comment

# Einstein's lessons remain vital today

## NationalReport

**Lawrence Martin**

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Albert Einstein detested rote learning. Students returning to school might be encouraged to know that the renowned physicist who unlocked mysteries of the universe was no genius in the

classroom.

At 15 he was ushered out of one school owing to undistinguished performance and impudence. Later, at Zurich Polytechnic, he flunked a course in physics of all things, scoring the lowest grade possible. He graduated, but near the bottom of his class.

The reason for Einstein's early scholastic mediocrity was that teachers — as many still do today — rewarded regurgitation as opposed to imagination. His strength was the latter. In his engaging biography of

Einstein, Walter Isaacson shows how his contrarian, independent nature made his breathtaking discoveries possible. He was always resisting conventional wisdom and always standing up against what was known in German as *zwang*. It means compulsion, coercion, having to submit.

For Einstein's liking, too many mechanically obedient automatons walked the halls. In their rush to conform they left their brains behind. Conformists were losers. Their "foolish faith" in authority was "the worst

enemy of truth."

Today's teachers, especially if they're the enforcer types (we'll call them zwangers), might not like Einstein's pedagogical theories making the rounds. No telling what a rash of independent thinking might do.

In Einstein's day, *zwang* held sway at the student and the political level (Nazis). He left Europe for the freedom of Princeton University, a freedom that was interrupted by McCarthyism. His non-conformist passions, the key behind his theory of relativity, extended to politics in his

continuing campaigns against nationalism and in his promotion of pacifism.

His example, as Isaacson points out, is vital today. Conformists are still dominant. We see how pressures accumulate on Barack Obama to water down his promise of universal health care and other planks in his change agenda. We see how Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, a creative, independent thinker, has been muted by pressures to conform and is criticized for spending too much time learning abroad. In too many disciplines, to-

day's leaders are consensus seekers as opposed to consensus changers. The key in schools, in politics, is to foster an environment that is creative. "I have no special talent," Einstein once said. "I am only passionately curious."

Let the mind roam, he advised and keep it roaming. Indolence, he told his unemployed son, is a killer. "Life is like riding a bicycle," he said. "To keep your balance you must keep moving."

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## Views

# Breaking down bankruptcy numbers

## InBusiness

**Charles Davies**

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Bankruptcies are up, to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that.

The researchers at Statistics Canada must have felt positively Dickensian when they reported there were 14,148 bankruptcies either declared or proposed in June, 51 per cent more than in June 2008. For the 12 months ending with

June, bankruptcies were up nearly 29 per cent to 143,883. That's what you would expect during a severe recession.

The trouble is, those big numbers don't mean much unless you break them down. And when you do, they tell a more optimistic story. It turns out almost 96 per cent of those June bankruptcies were personal while fewer than four per cent were business. Over the previous year, it was the same story: 95 per cent of bankruptcies were personal; the rest were businesses.

In fact, business bankruptcies in Canada have

been in a long-term decline: Since 1990, the annual total of business failures has dropped 47 per cent, and since 2000, the falloff is 39 per cent. There are a number of reasons for this.

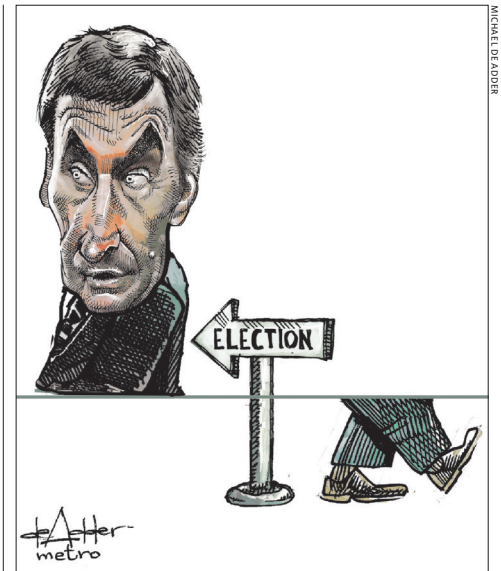
A Compas poll of business leaders in May reported that most of those surveyed thought the Canadian economy was inherently more stable than the U.S. and that we enjoy a strong, well-regulated financial system.

It also helps that Canadian companies have been gradually weaning themselves off excessive reliance on the U.S. market. Admittedly, Canadian exporters

still send two-thirds of all shipments to the U.S., but only six years ago it was closer to three-quarters.

And it isn't just Canadian banks that are cautious. Companies are getting better at workouts, doing restructurings with creditors to keep themselves going. They're also good at taking action when times get tough. As ugly as it sometimes seems, they know how to cut costs and, unfortunately, jobs, but it keeps them alive to grow another day.

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## Recession finally over, or is it?

**Politicians and economists are warning of tough times continuing despite data yesterday that signal Canada's recession ended in June and the current summer quarter will produce the first quarterly growth since last fall.**

June's 0.1 per cent output gain was lower than

**3%** Merrill Lynch chief economist Sheryl King said the rebound could actually hit three per cent in the third quarter, far higher than Bank of Canada's call for a 1.3 per cent advance.

consensus expectations, and other indicators suggest the economy is still

not poised for the kind of bounce-back that would set champagne corks popping, analysts noted.

More worrisome, several economists said a double-dip slump was still a possibility next year once extraordinary U.S. government spending peters out.

Technically, the recession

will not be declared over until numbers on third-quarter activity, the July-to-September period, are known later this year.

But economists say that is a formality since enough is known about how the economy fared in July and August to make growth in the third quarter a fore-

gone conclusion.

Economists expect output to experience a spurt during this quarter, in part because the second quarter was weaker than expected, and because of the auto sector restart in July. But most agree growth will be slow for the rest of this year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Business in brief

**CARS** Toyota will probably shift production of the Matrix crossover vehicle from Cambridge, Ont., to Woodstock, Ont., within the next year to make room for more output of the popular Corolla compact in a move that should create several hundred jobs, sources say. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc. wouldn't confirm the move yesterday but sources familiar with the automaker's plans said the company will jack up output of the Corolla and Matrix in Cambridge starting next month in advance of the transfer. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## PetroChina sinks \$1.9B into oilsands

**ENERGY** PetroChina yesterday agreed to pay \$1.9 billion for a 60 per cent stake in two planned Canadian oilsands projects, China's biggest investment yet in one of the world's largest untapped oil regions.

PetroChina, the world's most valuable oil company, has signed an initial agreement to take majority control of the proposed MacKay River and Dover oilsands projects owned by the closely held Athabasca Oil Sands Corp (AOSC), the Canadian company said in a release.

PetroChina's international arm will also provide some financing for AOSC, which controls about 1.3 million acres of oilsands properties in Alberta.

"PetroChina is probably looking to lock in a sizable position in the oil sands," said Chris Felton, an analyst at Tristone Capital. "But it's going to take a long time to develop Athabasca's projects."

The oilsands in northern Alberta have the largest crude reserves outside the Middle East.

But China has so far made only very small investments in the oilsands.

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## Shanghai surprise Index sinks



An investor looks at indexes in Shanghai yesterday. China's main stock index sank 6.7 per cent on heavy selling of market heavyweights triggered by renewed worries over potential liquidity tightening. The Shanghai Composite Index lost 192.94 points to 2,667.75, its lowest close in more than three months.

## Interested in buying a hotel?

**MONEY** If you're in the market for a hotel, now may be as good a time as any, according to a report by Colliers Hotels International. But buyers have to be prepared for a rough road ahead as the economy takes a toll on travel.

Hotel values have taken a hit as buyers stay away from a property segment that has been bruised by poor tourism and corporate travellers. A severe credit crunch that has banks leery of lending to the commercial real estate sector has also caused buyers to stay put. As a result, hotel sales across Canada totaled \$157 million in the first six months of the year. That compares to \$621 million or a steep 75

### Big sale

- The largest sale nationally this year was the 88-room Travelodge hotel in downtown Toronto for \$21,875,000 in April.

per cent drop from the first half of 2008, according to Colliers in a report released yesterday.

"This is clearly a reflection of the markets today. You have a tough funding environment and we are seeing the full impact of what the economy's been through on the hotel sector," said William Stone, executive managing director of Colliers Hotels.

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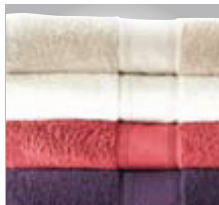
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You might wonder why anyone would buy a Toronto Blue Jays' pen as another lame duck baseball season ends. But sometimes need overwhelms good sense.

My 23-year-old daughter, who happens to be deaf, wanted to write a note to a companion during a recent and rare Jays' win. No one had a pen so she dashed to the concession.

Afterwards she noticed



Be especially vigilant of pricing in grocery stores.

that she'd been charged \$9 for the \$3 pen. Fortunately, she easily got a refund. But if she had waited until after the game to check, it might have been, well, game over.

Now, think about all the receipts you acquire in a week. Do you read each one to ensure you were charged the right amount and received the correct change? Small mistakes

**Alison's Money Rule:**

- Check your change and your receipts. Small transaction errors add up to big bucks lost.

can mount up to serious dollars over time.

Even with today's swipe systems, mistakes are made, particularly with sale prices and deals such as two-for-one or buy one get the second at 50 per cent off.

A couple of months ago I took advantage of a clothing sale. The cashier missed one of the discounts when she entered them manually. The difference was \$14, not chump change.

You should be especially vigilant in grocery stores or anywhere you might purchase multiple items. It is very easy to overlook an error among 20 or more different things.

I dislike the trend to bag your own and swipe your own purchases at checkouts because it is difficult to monitor prices at the same time. Think Saturday afternoon at the grocery store with a toddler in your arms and an impatient line up behind. Pressure!

I guarantee that mistakes are made in the course of your consumer life. So, follow these three steps to put money back in your pocket: Watch, Compare and Question. 1. Watch the checkout display. 2. Compare the charge or sales price to what you recall on the shelf or label. 3. Question anything you think is wrong.

Checking your receipts and doing a bit of mental math is a habit that will pay you back — literally.

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Should I Just Accept That I'll Have To Pay A Bundle?

No. Sadly, this is a mistake many drivers make and it can be a costly one, especially if they don't bother to shop around for the lowest rate available. The key to finding the best rate, especially if you have tickets or accidents on your driving record, is to figure out which insurance company of the more than 20 in Alberta has the best rate for your particular situation. And with rates varying so wildly across companies, chances are you are not with the company that has the lowest rate for your profile right now.

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# Sports

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## NHLPA dumps boss

Union doesn't give reason for Kelly's ouster

**Once again, the National Hockey League Players' Association is looking for an executive director.**

The NHLPA's executive board voted "overwhelmingly yesterday to relieve Paul Kelly of his duties as executive director, effective immediately."

No reason was given in a statement from the NHLPA. But a review of Kelly's performance over the summer produced a list of issues players had with his leadership, said Buzz Hargrove, the former Canadian Auto Workers boss who is now interim ombudsman for the NHLPA.

"I don't think you can point to any one (issue) and I'm not prepared to name one," he said, adding

### Position history

• Kelly succeeded Ted Saskin, who was let go in May 2007 amid allegations of monitoring players' email. Saskin had taken over when Bob Goodenow stepped down under

pressure from the players on July 28, 2005, only two weeks after a collective bargaining agreement was signed to end the lockout that wiped out the entire 2004-05 season.

that "people had just lost confidence that Paul was the one" to lead the union.

The NHLPA executive board, which consists of one player representative from each of the 30 NHL teams, made the decision at its annual meeting in Chicago.

NHLPA general counsel Ian Penny will serve as the interim executive director while the association puts together a search commit-

tee to identify potential candidates for a replacement.

Hargrove said he would not be a candidate and could not say if the new boss would be an outsider or someone currently working for the union. Penny is thought to be a contender for the job.

Kelly, who had been on the job for less than two years, was not available for comment. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## U.S. Open Wozniak advances



Aleksandra Wozniak returns a shot against Laura Granville during day one of the U.S. Open in New York City yesterday. Wozniak advanced to the second round with a straight-sets win while fellow Canadian Peter Polansky flirted with the biggest win of his career before losing to Guillermo Garcia-Lopez.

### Sports in brief

**TRACK** Usain Bolt has confirmed that he will run the 200 metres at the IAAF World Athletics Final next month in Greece, the international athletics federation said yesterday.

**BASEBALL** New York Mets slugger David Wright is planning to wear Rawlings' bulky new \$100 batting helmet if it arrives in time for tonight's game. Wright hasn't played since being hit by a pitch two weeks ago.

**GOLF** Jack Nicklaus has a tee time again at the Masters.

Augusta National announced yesterday that Nicklaus will join Arnold Palmer as an honorary starter for next year's Masters.

**NFL** Tedy Bruschi is retiring after a 13-year career marked by an inspiring return to the New England Patriots as a starting linebacker eight months after a stroke. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Felicien captures silver medal

**HURDLES** Canadian hurdler Perdita Felicien is back on the podium after struggling to a last-place finish at the recent world track and field championships.

The native of Pickering, Ont., captured a silver medal in the 100-metre hurdles at the British Grand Prix yesterday in a time of 12.95 seconds. World cham-

pion Brigitte Foster-Hylton of Jamaica won gold in 12.88 while American Virginia Powell was third in 13.21. Felicien, a former world gold and silver medalist, clipped several hurdles in limping to a last-place finish in 15.53 seconds at the world championships in Berlin on Aug. 19.

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## The key to credit

RAFAEL BRUSILOV  
for Metro Canada



**Building and protecting a good credit history may not be on your course list this semester, but it should definitely be a part of your educational plan.**

Good credit can be crucial not only to buying a home or car in the future, but also for things like renting an apartment, starting a cellphone plan or getting good rates on things like loans or insurance.

Having and using a credit card can be a good way to build a good credit history but only if you don't abuse the privilege. Building a strong credit rating begins, ironically perhaps, with making sure you only use money you actually have and pay it back when asked.

"The number one thing you want to do is pay your bills on time," said David Malamed, a forensic accountant at Grant Thornton.

Missed payments can ruin your rating quickly and consistently maxing out your cards also lowers your scores, so be responsible.

Getting a free T-shirt or coffee mug just for signing up for an extra credit card

might seem like a win-win situation, but be wary of annual fees or extremely high interest rates, sometimes in the vicinity of 29 per cent or even higher. Read the fine print before you sign anything and really consider how many cards you need — after all, you really don't want to be charging more to credit cards than you can actually pay back anyways. If your wallet ever gets stolen, more cards will mean more trouble and more risk of fraud for you.

Once you've started building your good credit, you need to protect it. Malamed says fraud is one of the most common ways good credit can go bad and vigilance is often the best protection.

"Religiously check your credit card and bank statements and investigate them — that's really your first step into avoiding a risk of fraud," Malamed said.

Look for anomalies like strange payments for things you didn't buy or double-billing on single items and speak with your credit provider right away if you see something unusual.

Never respond to solicitations for credit cards over the phone as you



Using a credit card can be a good way to build a good credit history — if you don't abuse it.

can't be sure who the person on the other end is. The personal information you give away could potentially lead to identity theft and, in a worst-case scenario, Malamed says a scammer could use your personal information to call up a credit provider, pretend to be you, open

new credit cards under your identity and wreak havoc upon your credit rating by racking up debt.

"It can be an enormous headache and a lot of hours and stress you didn't ask for to deal with it," Malamed said.

Malamed recommends checking your credit score

every six months to a year to make sure what lenders are saying about you matches your credit activities, and to spot potential mistakes or fraud.

Popular credit-report service providers include Equifax (econsumer.equifax.ca) and TransUnion (transunion.ca).

## Manage finances

- **Create a financial plan.** Decide how you will allocate your money among books and supplies, food, clothing, entertainment and other items, set a plan and stick to it.

- **Make it monthly.** A monthly financial budget plan is a good choice — weekly may be too difficult to manage and longer periods than a month could cause you to fall too far from your plan.

- **Keep track.** Set up a budget sheet, set your plan and keep track of everything.

- **Time your spending.** A good approach is to try to time your spending — be a bit frugal early in your budget period (for example, in the first couple of weeks). Plan your nights out for later in the budget period.

- **Don't skimp on nutrition.** Don't sacrifice good nutrition to save a few dollars. You will be better off with healthier foods that cost a little more.

- **Work together.** Pot luck and co-op dinners with friends are a great way to save money, try new types and styles of foods, and take a needed break from studies.

- **Remember: Budgeting isn't easy.** If your plan is starting to slip, don't be shy — talk to your parents and tell them where you stand. Catching problems early and dealing with them is always the right thing to do!

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# Learning Curve

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## Bow Valley opens daycare

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**With childcare a hot commodity in Calgary, one college in the city has opened up a childcare centre for students and staff to utilize.**

Bow Valley College and the YWCA teamed up to open the Bow Valley Child Care Centre in its north campus yesterday.

"For us as a college, it feels wonderful to be able to offer that to them, because it's a service that allows them to come to school with their children," said Katherine Cormack, director of marketing and communications at BVC.

Cormack said this centre will allow current and potential students to know their children are being taken care of in a safe,



The Bow Valley Child Care Centre opened yesterday.

stimulating environment so they can concentrate on their studies.

BVC had previously had a childcare centre, but closed it down when renovations for their north campus began.

This new centre will be able to care for 48 children and operates from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Some of the features include a hot lunch and two snacks each day, daily reports to the parents, care for students with special needs, a safe

outdoor play area and providing learning through play.

Rates for children are \$1,080 a month for 19- to 36-month-olds and \$1,000 a month for 37- to 60-month-olds.

College students with children will get first priority and then it will be open to staff members and then the public if spaces are available.

Lee Fletcher from the YWCA said they are really excited to partner with BVC to open the centre.

"There's a lot of potential opportunities for us to work together to build a really good solid basis for childcare in the city," Fletcher said.

Fletcher said the new childcare centre will also be a teaching environment for students in the Early Learning and Child Care program.

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## 14 learning curve

### U of C gets \$1.3 million

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A large Canadian technology company is investing research dollars into an Alberta university.

The University in Calgary received \$1.3 million in funding last month from Research in Motion, the company that makes BlackBerry, to explore how advance wireless location technologies to work better with mobile devices.

Earl McKenzie, public affairs officer with the Alberta government, said research is becoming a bigger part of the economy and has contributed to the growing knowledge-based sector of Alberta.

McKenzie said attracting more research dollars to the province is a priority for the Alberta government.

The province has supported \$337,000 towards this research project to look further into GPS technologies.

"It is evidence of the quality of research we are doing in Alberta in the post-secondary organizations," said McKenzie. "Having a company like

RIM here really shows that the quality of research done here is world-class."

Lead researcher Gerard Lachapelle said this would improve GPS technology, especially for indoor areas, such as inside commercial buildings and malls.

"It is possible to locate phones indoors, but the accuracy is very limited," said Lachapelle. "Once it provides better accuracy, then the quality in the range of services that could be offered by mobile phone companies like RIM, will enable them to capture a larger share of the market."

Lachapelle said the research will address the issue when satellite signals are not easily accessible.

Robert Crow, vice-president at RIM for industry, government and university relations, said mobile devices will continue to play an important role in the evolution of smart phones.

"The University of Calgary has a strong reputation for its research capabilities in the GPS field and RIM is excited by the prospects for functional and performance enhancements that could stem from this research," Crow said.

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# Health & Beauty

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## The best revenge

New series helps women get back mojo

### The J Spot



When you get burned by love, revenge often feels like the best, well, revenge.

But, while gathering the contents of your ex's closet into the middle of the kitchen floor and dumping the entire contents of the fridge on them may feel cathartic (yes, a friend of mine actually did this), it's a bit — okay, a lot — childish.

The eight women in *Re-Vamped*, a new series premiering this Sunday on the SLICE Network, are after a more healthy, satisfying and long-lasting type of revenge — self-empowerment. Oh, and the joy of making your ex crazy when he sees you've learned to become a smokin' burlesque dancer, of course.

Each woman in *Re-Vamped* has her own relationship horror story: one was dumped on her birthday for her best friend (and cousin); another was rejected by her long-term boyfriend via email while battling cancer. Yet another's 21-year relationship came to a halt when she discovered that her partner was being unfaithful.



The J Spot columnist Josey Vogels offers heartbroken women her advice on how to get back into the dating game on Slice network's *Re-Vamped* series. Catch her in the Oct. 11 episode.

Ouch. Given this, these women are above indulging in a little petty ex-bashing, but the main focus of the six weeks in "Camp ReVamp" is to help these women rebuild their lives, their self-esteem and to get back their dating mojo.

I had the pleasure of helping these women with that last bit as a guest expert on episode six in which I coach the women through a speed-dating event and help them polish up their rusty dating skills. Nothing like eight mini-dates during the course of an hour under the watchful eye of me, the camera and entire film

crew to whip you back into dating shape.

The series ends with the women putting on a burlesque show for friends and family and, yes, even some exes. Hey, what good is all that work if you can't rub it in his face a little?

But, most importantly, *Camp ReVamp* shows that, while this kind of momentary revenge can be sweet, getting your life together and moving on is much, much sweeter.

*Re-Vamped* Premieres Sept. 6 at 10 p.m. ET on Slice. Yours truly appears in the Oct. 11 episode.

• Post your best break-up revenge stories in the comments section of The J Spot online at metronews.ca

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.

### Health in brief

**SURGERY** Working up a sweat may be even better than angioplasty for some heart patients, experts say. Studies have shown heart patients benefit from exercise, and some have even shown it works better than surgical procedures. At a meeting of the European Society of Car-

diology on Sunday, several experts said doctors should focus more on persuading their patients to exercise rather than simply doing angioplasties. Angioplasty is the top treatment for people having a heart attack or hospitalized with worsening symptoms. It involves using a

tiny balloon to flatten a blockage and propping the heart artery open with a mesh tube. Most angioplasties are done on a non-emergency basis, to relieve chest pain caused by clogged arteries cutting off the heart's blood supply.

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John Rambo is gearing up for his fifth mission. Sylvester Stallone will star and once again resume directing duties in the followup to his 2008 film Rambo. According to variety.com the plot will revolve around human traffickers and drugs near the U.S.-Mexico border. **ANANOVA.COM**

# Entertainment

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## Big night for Daytime Emmys

### Future of TV a hot topic on red carpet

It was pushing 37 C as nominees made their way down the red carpet before entering the restored — and gloriously air-conditioned — Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles for the 36th annual Emmy Awards.

"I feel like a roast chicken," noted a glistening Emily O'Brien, nominee as outstanding younger actress in a drama series for The Young and the Restless. "This is like an oven," she said. "I'm almost done."

A bit of heat is one thing daytime television's longtime mainstay, the soap opera, could use these days. Overall viewership has been declining and CBS' Guiding Light leaves the airwaves in mid-Sep-

tember after 72 years of production, first on radio, then on TV.

The future of daytime television was on the minds of many attendees. "Daytime television has been evolving," observed Canadian ex-pat Alex Trebek, who was nominated as outstanding game show host for Jeopardy!

"Talk shows are still great ... I look around here and I see Dr. Phil is here, Montel (Williams) is here and Ellen (DeGeneres) is going to be here. These are all very successful daytime talk shows."

Those include The Tyra Banks Show, which took home the Emmy for outstanding talk show — informative for the second year in a row. "You've got to

move and I've totally redone my show from skin and guts — how it looks, feels all the way down to content, because of the changing generation," Banks said.

Soap-opera veteran Susan Lucci said fans shouldn't take the cancellation of Guiding Light as a sign the entire daytime-drama genre is in trouble. "I think it's like nighttime TV. Just because one show gets cancelled doesn't mean nighttime TV is out the window."

The carpet was crammed with actors from Guiding Light, who gathered for a telecast tribute to their show. But veteran Light actor Robert Newman said he's heard nothing. "And, you know, I'm going to be



Rachael Ray holds the Emmy Award for outstanding talk show entertainment backstage at the Daytime Emmy Awards

moving forward with my life and career as if it is over," he added. "If something happens, that's fantastic and I'll deal with that when it comes along. But it has been a lot of

years, and maybe sometimes things just have to move on."

The last episode of Guiding Light airs Sept. 18 on CBS.

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## Queen Idol

Queen Latifah has dismissed reports she'll be Paula Abdul's permanent replacement on American Idol, but reveals she has signed on to be a guest judge on the hit TV show.

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## DVD picks



### State of Play

Director: Kevin Macdonald

A thriller about righteous newspaper reporters seems boldly nostalgic in 2009, but it's a "B" movie with an "A" cast furiously pounding the pavement.

Director Kevin Macdonald (The Last King of Scotland) and his committee of screenwriters have, like newsroom rewrite aces, boiled down the essentials from a lauded BBC miniseries of the same name, shifting locales from London to Washington, D.C.

Russell Crowe is rumbled and cynical Cal McCaffrey, scribbler for the fictional Washington Globe. He has no use for the Internet, especially when his editor (Helen Mirren) compares him unfavourably to blogger Della Frye (Rachel McAdams). Cal and Della end up working together, connecting the dots of a case that begins with the apparently random shooting of two strangers in an alleyway and the accidental death of a politically connected woman.

There are more red herrings than in a Moscow fish market, but Macdonald has chosen not to overstate the print-vs.-online feuding that ceased being interesting around the time Al Gore invented the Internet.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

## critics' corner

### Good Eats

So you think you can't cook? Alton Brown begs to differ. As this entertaining half-hour series begins a new season, Brown continues the process of demystifying cooking and making it fun, whether that involves him dressing up in costumes, telling jokes or suggesting cheap alternatives to those pricey kitchen gadgets. 11 AM on FOOD



### Bowfire

If you think violins are boring and fiddles are for honky-tonk bands, this special will change your mind. Bowfire is an ensemble that does for strings what "Lord of the Dance" did for Irish dancing — turning it into a high-energy show with a little dance, a little drama and a whole lot of great tunes from all over the genre map — jazz, Celtic, bluegrass, classical and more. Just watch. 7 PM on BRAVO

### NCIS

The death of a Marine leads Gibbs and McGee (Mark Harmon, Sean Murray) to the NCIS Office of Special Projects in Los Angeles, where the investigation quickly assumes vital importance concerning national security. Chris O'Donnell and LL Cool J guest star in "Legend (Part 1)." 9 PM on CICT. REM

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# Smells like Kardashian

Looks like next spring there will be another star to compete within the celebrity fragrance arena. Kim Kardashian has just announced that she will be launching her first signature scent through Lighthouse Beauty. [PEOPLE.COM](#)



# A Hero comes to the rescue

IAN JOHNSTON  
for Metro Canada

**If there was one positive in Heroes' much-criticized third season, it had to be the transformation of character Ando Masa-hashi from sidekick to superhero.**

"He (Ando) really grew during the season. He was able to get a power-shooting lasers out of my hands," says actor James Kyson Lee, who plays Ando on the popular fantasy series.

"My best friend (the time and space travelling Hiro) reverted to a 10-year-old and Ando had to take charge. That's sort of a theme running in the show — who is in charge and

who is the sidekick?"

Lee was in Toronto last week to promote today's DVD release of Heroes' third season, and as a guest at the hugely popular Fan Expo Canada, which took place last weekend.

He says loyal viewers had always identified with the human Ando's no-nonsense approach to all the sci-fi mayhem.

"When the show started, the audience really viewed Ando as one of their own. He asked the questions that we would ask as viewers. In the first year, I had a lot of lines like 'Where are they?' and 'What's happening?'," says Lee.

"I'm glad I got powers later because we got to flesh him out as a human being first."

Lee feels the third season — which saw the show lose a good portion of its loyal audience — ended on a positive note with the return of writer/executive producer Bryan Fuller. He says he



thinks the series is in a good place going into season four.

"I think because we start so strong there was a lot of pressure to meet fan expectations," says Lee. "In a strange sense, we're underdogs now."

As for the fourth season — dubbed Redemption — Lee says Ando and Hiro will be setting up a business. One suspects it won't be a hardware



James Kyson Lee, of Heroes, was in Toronto last week to promote today's DVD release of the show's third season.

store. "It's going to propel us into some really odd adventures," he says.

"I'm also going to be linked with someone unexpected. So I think that will be a nice surprise for the audience."

## Mickey's got a hold on Spidey

**DEAL** The Walt Disney Co. is buying Marvel Entertainment Inc. for \$4 billion in cash and stock, bringing such characters as Iron Man and Spider-Man into the family of Mickey Mouse and WALL-E.

Under the deal, which was announced yesterday and is expected to close by the end of the year, Disney will acquire the rights to 5,000 Marvel characters. Many of them, including the Fantastic Four and the X-Men, were co-created by the comic book legend Stan Lee.

Disney CEO Robert Iger said Marvel's comic books, TV shows, movies and video games amounted to "a treasure trove of content." Iger said the deal would bring benefits like the ones Disney got from buying Toy Story creator Pixar Animation Studios Inc. for \$7.4 billion in stock in 2006.

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## I still love Rihanna: Chris

**OPENING UP** It's been six months since the Grammy Awards weekend when Chris Brown and Rihanna got into a late-night fight that left Rihanna bruised and bloodied and her R&B star boyfriend surrendering to Los Angeles police, people.com reports.

Since then, Brown, 20, has pleaded guilty to felony assault and was sentenced last week to five years' probation.

On Aug. 26, the musician sat down with People

for his first interview and — as his mother Joyce Hawkins, a victim of domestic abuse herself, sat nearby — opened up about his shame over that "terrible" night, his enduring love for Rihanna and why he swears he'll never hit a woman again.

Among Brown's revelations:

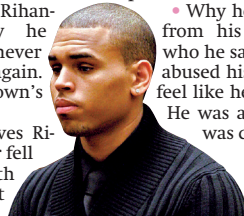
• He still loves Rihanna: "I never fell out of love with her. That just

wouldn't go away."

• How he felt right after the assault: "I was distraught ... I went to my mom on the same night and told (her) what happened and broke down."

• Why he's different from his stepfather, who he says regularly abused his mother: "I feel like he enjoyed it. He was an abuser. It was continuous."

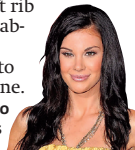
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## Jayde to file charges against Joe Francis?

**REPERCUSSIONS** Reality TV star Brody Jenner's girlfriend, Jayde Nicole, has reportedly filed a complaint and is planning to press charges against Girls Gone Wild creator Joe Francis after he reportedly gave Nicole a bruised cheek, a swollen face, a bruised left rib and a sore abdomen, according to Radar Online.

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## DJ AM's last hours revealed

**LAST MOMENTS** A police source tells People that on Friday, Aug. 28 — the day Adam (DJ AM) Goldstein was discovered dead in his Manhattan apartment — the DJ had sent his last text message to two friends at 1 a.m.

People.com reports the subject of his message was his scheduled

Las Vegas gig for that night at the Rain Nightclub in the Palms Hotel — but he never made it.

Sixteen hours later, a friend called 911 because Goldstein had failed to answer his cellphone and, when it was time for him to fly to Vegas, his two travelling companions could not reach him.

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## Macaulay father to Blanket?

**BIZARRO** Since Michael Jackson's death, there's been a swirl of gossip around the paternity of his children. Often, it's just he-said, she-said, but popeater.com is reporting a British paper suggests Macaulay Culkin may be the father of one of Jackson's kids.

The Sun, citing very unnamed and unverified sources,

claims that actor Culkin may be the father of Jackson's son Prince Michael II, a.k.a. Blanket. Culkin, now 29, is said to have donated sperm to create seven-year-old Blanket.

Culkin has not released a statement, but popeater.com calls the claim "ridiculous."

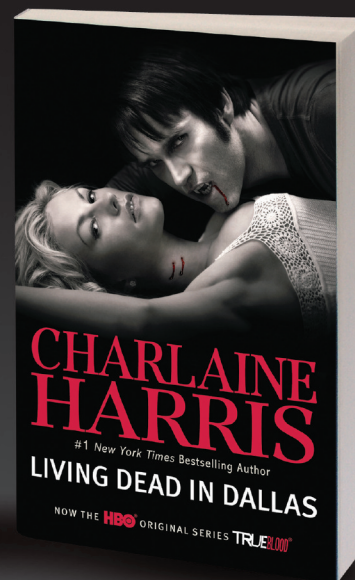
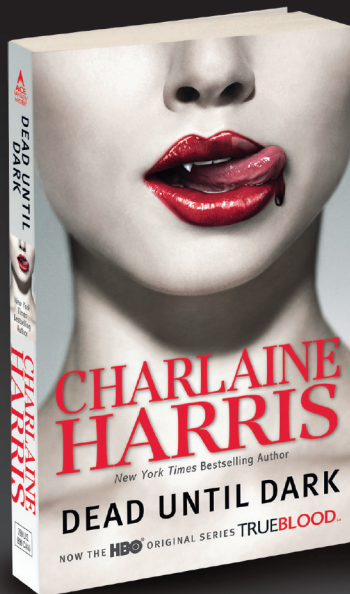
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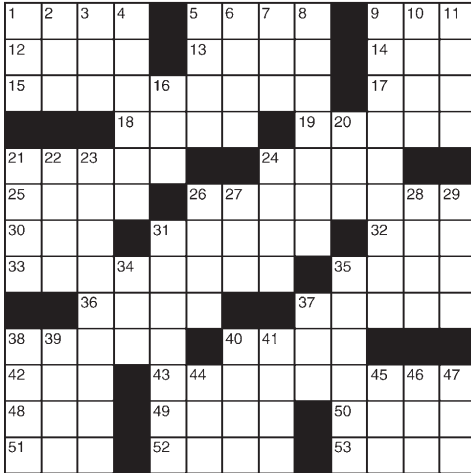




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WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.



**ACROSS**

- 1 Antelope's playmate
- 5 Stinging insect
- 9 Police officer
- 12 Leer at
- 13 Cake topper
- 14 Sapporo sash
- 15 Group with a job
- 17 Swab the decks
- 18 Picnic invaders
- 19 Hamstrings
- 21 Doesn't have
- 24 Staffer
- 25 Lotion additive
- 26 Non-noble
- 30 Doctrine
- 31 Lions' prides
- 32 Spy novel org.
- 33 Subway patron
- 35 Actress
- 36 Lhasa —
- 37 Burdened
- 38 Mold and mildew

- 40 Yoked team
- 42 Moreover
- 43 Town
- 48 Altar affirmative
- 49 Neighbourhood
- 50 A Great Lake
- 51 Angeles preceder
- 52 Eye part
- 53 Lairs

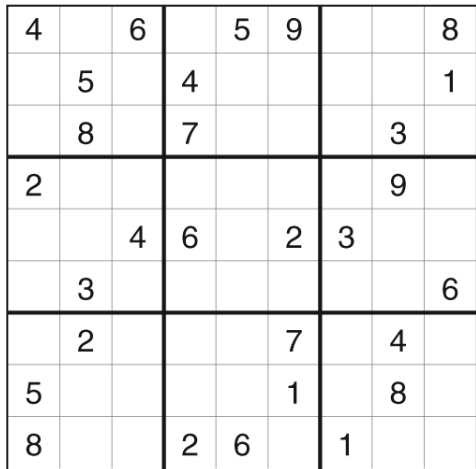
**DOWN**

- 1 "What's up, —?"
- 2 Id counterpart
- 3 Shady tree
- 4 Unoriginal movie?
- 5 Skater Katari-na
- 6 Performances
- 7 Witness
- 8 Earlier bouts
- 9 Began
- 10 Reed instrument
- 11 Gladys
- Knight's backup
- 16 — and outs
- 20 Commotion

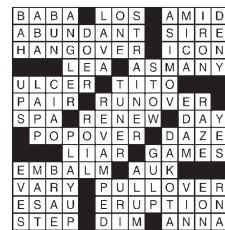
**Sudoku**

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**



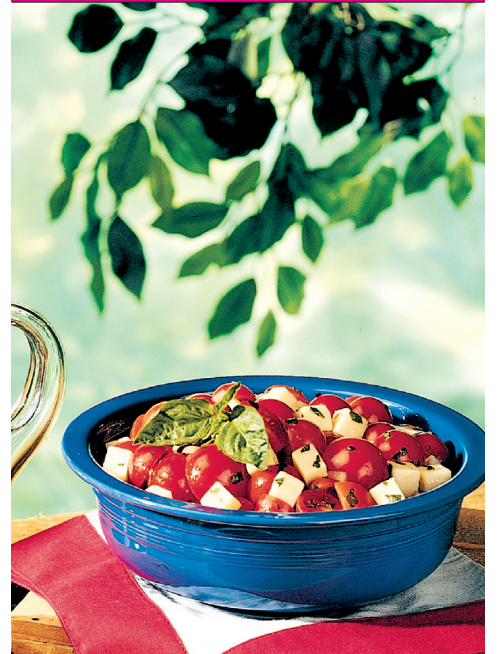
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1	4	7	8	3	6	2	5	9
8	2	9	7	4	5	6	3	1
9	7	2	3	8	4	5	1	6
6	1	3	9	5	7	8	2	4
5	8	4	6	1	2	7	9	3
7	6	5	4	9	3	1	8	2
2	3	1	5	6	8	9	4	7
4	9	8	2	7	1	3	6	5

**On the web**

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**Metro Recipe of the Day**



**Tomato Mozzarella Salad**

**INGREDIENTS:**

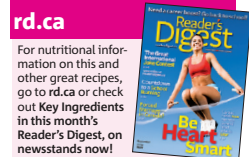
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) red wine vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- Pepper to taste
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) olive oil
- 1 basket cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) cubed mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped onion
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) minced fresh basil

**METHOD:**

1. In small bowl, combine

vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper. Whisk in oil until well blended. Add remaining ingredients; toss to coat.  
2. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Remove with slotted spoon to serving dish.

**SERVES 4**



**Horoscopes by Sally Brompton [sallybrompton.com](http://sallybrompton.com)**

For Sally's expanded daily and weekend horoscopes, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**



No matter how much you want to believe someone is being honest with you the planets warn that may not be the case. Don't take too much on trust.

**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**



There's lots of pressure on you and it's likely to continue until the end of the month. But in a way that's good because it will force you to toughen up.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**



You may find it hard to be reasonable today, especially if someone you have to deal with is clearly dragging their feet. But don't lose your cool.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**



Someone you're close to needs to be reminded they can't always have things their way. Tell them plainly what may happen today, and why it's no big deal.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**



Someone you are working with may try to take liberties today and you won't be amused. Bide your time and don't hit back, at least not immediately.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**



Pluto in your sign is giving you big ideas, but with mind planet Mercury strong as well some of those ideas may be a bit too big to do anything with.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**



If you allow yourself to get worked up about something that's not important today you may miss out on something important later in the week.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**



Focus on positive things today: If you allow negative thoughts to influence you it may be hard to get rid of them. Don't let fear get a hold.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**



You will leave no one in doubt about where you stand on the issues of the day. It's okay to be forceful but don't try to impose your views on other people.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**



If you encounter hostility from a friend or a colleague today you would be wise to back off. Is there a principle at stake? No, so don't make an issue of it.

**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**



You should know by now that letting others in on what you are thinking is not always a good idea. Some things are best kept to yourself.

**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**



Other people's opinions may drive you crazy but you won't change them by pointing out how stupid they are. Listen to what they have to say.

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1. One who illegally takes a fall feller (1)
2. Approaches singer Britney (1)
3. Show disdain for smut mags (1)
4. Small-minded oil baron John Paul (2)
5. Latter-day Saint entrance attendant (2)
6. Yellowbelly took a bath alternative (2)
7. Pleasure-sailing bad-winner behavior (2)

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Taxes & fees: \$475

### Paris via Toronto / Montreal

All Seasons  
Paris Gare Est • 3 ★  
Breakfast  
Standard rm.  
Oct. 1, 4, 7, 15, 16, 23 & 29 • 3 nts.

**\$767**

Taxes & fees: \$428

## DEALS to the WEEK

### Santa Clara

Occidental Royal Hideaway  
Ensenachos • 5 ★  
All-Inclusive  
Supersaver spa rm.  
Sept. 6-27 • 1 wk.

**\$1039**

Taxes & fees: \$218

### Honolulu, Hawaii

Ohana  
Waikiki West • 3 1/2 ★  
Aloha - Run of the house  
Dec. 6 & 13 • 1 wk.

**\$999**

Taxes & fees: \$140

### Santa Clara

Meliá Las Dunas • 4 ★  
All-Inclusive • Standard rm.  
Sept. 6-27 • 1 wk.

**\$769**

Taxes & fees: \$218

### Cancun / Riviera Maya

Occidental  
Grand Xcaret • 4 1/2 ★  
All-Inclusive  
Supersaver deluxe rm.<sup>1</sup>  
Oct. 3, 10 & 17 • 1 wk.

**\$869**

Taxes & fees: \$284

### Ixtapa / Zihuatanejo

Barceló  
Ixtapa Beach • 4 ★  
All-Inclusive • Standard rm.  
Jan. 9 & 16 • 1 wk.

**\$1199**

Taxes & fees: \$270

### Gran Bahia

Principe Tulum • 5 ★  
All-Inclusive • Standard rm.  
Oct. 3, 10 & 17 • 1 wk.

**\$899**

Taxes & fees: \$284

### Los Cabos

Barceló Los Cabos • 5 ★  
All-Inclusive • Junior suite  
Jan. 16, 23 & 30 • 1 wk.

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